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Via ECFS
Marlene H. Dortch, Secretary
Federal Communications Commission
445 12th Street, S.W.
Washington, D.C. 20554

**Re: In the Matter of Petition of USTelecom for Forbearance Pursuant to
47 U.S.C. Section 160(c); WC Docket No. 18-141; Category 1**

Dear FCC,

We live in a rural area and depend on our broadband service daily. We are serviced by a smaller ISP and find that their great service is critical to our business and service needs. Their service is provided at a fair and competitive price and that alone is of the greatest value. Fair competition amongst providers is the only way to conduct business in the internet cyber arena, no ifs ands or buts! We could not afford to have a corporate ownership that would continually raise prices and make the services go beyond our reach. We say NO to that.

Because of where we live, we have copper based landline telephone service as well. If it were not for our landline, we would not have access to emergency services that would not be available to us. We could NOT exist on the false premise that VOIP is a reliable and safe connection. Not now, not then, not ever!

To many people died or were left without connection to these emergency services in last October's fires in Sonoma County CA. It is because the large telecom companies have been doing their best to remove and do away with copper based landlines. Bad idea and must not be allowed.

Thank you for your consideration on this most urgent matter.

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